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Summary of plague laboratory work for month of October, 1908.

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, November 5, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover:

November 5. The following is a report of the work done in the plague laboratory for the month of October, 1908:

During the month 5,534 rats were delivered at the laboratory, of which 4,054 were necropsied. No evidence of plague infection was found. The verification was completed during the month of a plague rat delivered September 26.

The summary of the work to date comprises 3 human and 21 rat cases. The last human case was discovered October 25, 1907, and the last plague-infected rat was delivered September 26, 1908.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 2,001,193. Total number of deaths reported to the state board of health, 2,369, including diphtheria 25, enteric fever 61, measles 2, scarlet fever 5, whooping cough 10, smallpox 1, and 358 from tuberculosis.

COLORADO.—*Colorado Springs*.—Months of August and September, 1908. Estimated population, 32,000. Total number of deaths, 84, including enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 2, diphtheria 2, and 33 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever 29, diphtheria 7, enteric fever 21, and whooping cough 3.

FLORIDA.—Reports from the state board of health for the week ended November 7, 1908, show as follows: Enteric fever—*Bartow* and *Jacksonville*, each 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Jacksonville*, *Tampa*, and *Manatee*, each 1 case. Diphtheria—*Bradentown*, 2; *Jacksonville*, and *Tampa*, each 4 cases; *Plant City*, *Miami*, and *Tallahassee* and *Mahatee*, each 1 case.

ILLINOIS—*Alton*.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 22,000. Total number of deaths, 10, including diphtheria 1, and 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 3.

Jacksonville.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 17,500. Total number of deaths, 23. Cases: Diphtheria 5.

Quincy.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 43,000. Total number of deaths, 59, including enteric fever 1, and 5 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 14, enteric fever 2, and scarlet fever 1.

INDIANA.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 2,648,594. Total number of deaths, 2,755, including tuberculosis 318, enteric fever 118, diphtheria 29, scarlet fever 5, measles 1, and 21 from whooping cough.

Morbidity: Diphtheria, 352 cases in 32 counties; enteric fever, 446 cases in 76 counties; smallpox, 32 cases in 8 counties; tuberculosis, 318.

IOWA—*Davenport*.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated popu-